

having no friend or acquaintances in the State, searching for Corundum, a mineral used in the place of Emery. I was received in the kindest manner and had every assistance desired. In April, 1877, I again visited the same locality with my wife and lady companion, an artist. The grandeur and magnificence of the mountain scenery no word can delineate. The scenes (to my mind) were perfect in setting and detail, and I determined to place them on canvass. Two large and beautiful paintings are now in Brooklyn, as the result of this artist's work. During the summer and autumn of 1877 I journeyed over a large portion of Western North Carolina on horseback, and most of the time entirely alone. Also Middle Alabama; passing through and spending some time in Georgia. March 8th, 1878, I went, with my wife and lady companion to Tallapoosa county, Alabama, spending five months living with the planters and riding over the country searching for mineral. June 20th, 1878, I returned to North Carolina. Travelling all the summer and autumn in North and South Carolina, staying and sleeping with the farmers. I have invested five thousand dollars in a Corundum Mine including six hundred acres of land. During all this time we have met with nothing but respect and kindness, and if one does not secure friends in the South, it will be because he does not deserve them. Any person minding their own business is as safe from insult or harm as in the city of Springfield, or any part of Massachusetts. The South is limitless in its amount of mineral wealth, its rich lands and healthful climates. The land is cheap; some of the finest I ever saw can be had for ten dollars an acre. As a winter residence Middle Alabama surpasses anything I have ever seen. I was not in the army, but have talked freely with hundreds about the war, of its causes and effects, have heard no complaints, defiance or threats against the North. Politically I have expressed my opinions freely as in Massachusetts. I was an abolitionist before the war, a Republican since. The whole difficulty is with the politicians and political papers, and with such the Southern farmer has no more sympathy than the Northern man. It offers the finest opportunities for the investment of Northern capital, intelligence and industry ever opened in the history of the country.

If possible I shall be in Charlotte. Fearing that I may not, as I expect to go North on business soon, I send this.

Yours very truly,

H. S. LUCUS.

JOHN F. ENGLE lived South before the war, went home to fight in the Federal army and after the war came South, read his testimony :

ENFIELD, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1878.

N. Dumont, Esq., Charlotte, N. C. :

DEAR SIR :—Your circular received. Can't be present at your Convention. Will comply with your request. I came from New Jersey in 1857,